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I sincerely believe that it is time for our justice system to consider the many, many consumers that benefit from the technology developed for Industry by Microsoft. To continue to allow lawyers to pursue their 'legal extortion' is going beyond the average business man's comprehension.

As a small business owner, I believe that the present condition of the stock market (and the present recession) is due entirely to our legal system which lets competitors such as Netscape use the laws of our country (and taxpayers money) to support their failing competitive positions. It was this particular government lawsuit that initiated the recession. The ENRON failure doesn't compare to losses incurred in the stock market by millions of our citizens, since the attack on Microsoft.

Microsoft has advanced the rate of progress in the US beyond imagination these past fifteen years. As individuals, and as a nation we have all benefited!

Why not expect the nine States opposing Microsoft's settlement with the Justice Department to accept without compensation, so we can all devote our energies to expand and develop these new technologies for a better future for all?

Let the market place decide.

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